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POLICE FIRE CITIZEN'S TASK FORCE

May 21, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.

4th Floor Conference Room, Busch Municipal Building

PRESENT: Jerry Fenstermaker – Chairman, Jerry Harmison – Vice Chairman, Mary Beth Daniels, Gordon Elliott, Carl Herd, Ken Homan, Danny Hyde, James Jeffries, Bob Jones, Peggy Kubicek, Charles Munsey, Craig Wagoner, Lloyd Young

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS: John Rush

CITY STAFF LIAISONS: Greg Burris – City Manager, Collin Quigley – Assistant City Manager, Jan Millington – Asst. City Attorney, Louise Whall - Director of Public Information, Chief Lynn Rowe – Police, Chief Barry Rowell – Fire, Kathy Hardt, City Manager's Office

ABSENT: Lorenzo Baldwin, Bob Horton

Mr. Jerry Fenstermaker called meeting to order. Mr. Jerry Harmison reminded the Task Force of the website the City has to view any meetings or handouts. He stated the webpage www.springfieldmo.gov/pensiontaskforce can be a great resource if you must miss a meeting and want to view the meeting in its entirety. Handouts are also included on this webpage.

Mr. Fenstermaker stated Keith Hughes from LAGERS would be presenting to the Task Force on June 3. He asked that Task Force members forward any questions they might have for the LAGERS representative to their team leaders, who can then compile and forward to him, as well as Jerry Harmison and Sharon Smith.

Mr. Fenstermaker discussed the email he forwarded to the Task Force with information regarding the distinction between Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution Plan. He is trying to find someone to come in and make a presentation to answer some questions regarding this topic. Mr. Fenstermaker also had distributed material from Joplin, Missouri and what they are doing with their pension plan.

Mr. Fenstermaker stated it is his opinion that this Task Force should have their own legal counsel to work with. He will work towards finding a resource to help with some of the Task Force issues.

Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Andy Lear and Chamber of Commerce President, Jim Anderson, spoke on behalf of the Chamber's "neutral" position on the 1¢ tax proposed by City from the February ballot. Mr. Fenstermaker stated it was imperative to have Chamber support. Mr. Chad Munsey asked Jim Anderson during the open meeting if the Chamber would have any objection to closing the current classes and moving future police and

firefighters to LAGERS. Mr. Anderson replied that they would support that if LAGERS would accept them.

Mr. Tom Martz stated he had permission from SOS leaders to present their position to the Task Force. He is not an SOS member, but a supporter and endorsed the SOS position. (PowerPoint attached).

Ms. Peggy Kubicek, Task Force member, presented a PowerPoint on County Employees' Retirement Fund. (PowerPoint attached).

Mr. Danny Hyde, Task Force member, presented a PowerPoint on the Carpenter's International Pension. (PowerPoint attached).

Mr. Carl Herd requested that the three alternates be allowed to work on the sub-committee teams. Mr. Fenstermaker stated they were welcome to attend, as all meetings are open and everyone could attend; however, there was no need for them to participate at this time.

Mr. Fenstermaker asked that Sharon Smith resend the calendar to the Task Force members.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.